

Dramatic conclusion, heartbreaking end to UNO football season



photo by Michelle Bishop
Keith Eloi hauls in a reception during the first half of Saturday's playoff game against Central Washington.

ANALYSIS BY
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The game was over.
First team all-conference place kicker Greg Zeurlein tacked on a 40-yard field goal with 3:04 left to play to extend the UNO lead to 17-7.
In an otherwise sloppy game offensively for the Mavericks, they had seemingly done just enough to survive the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs after losing at home in the second round in each of the last two seasons.
Fans began to file out of Caniglia Field in bunches. Pending a miracle, UNO was going to overcome their worst offensive output of the season – a mere 257 total yards – and try to correct their mistakes before hosting back-to-back national champion Grand Valley State the following week.
Cue the miracle.
Central Washington wide receiver Brandon Stout elected to field the ensuing kick-off from the end zone. The risk paid off in the form of a 105-yard kick return for a touchdown, making the score 17-14 with just under three minutes to play.
“We played pretty good special teams all year, and we had one breakdown there...in a very critical situation,” said UNO Head Coach Pat Behms. “We had a lot of people

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Chancellor: Campus bake sale ban no more, but restrictions in place

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

A campus-wide bake sale ban enacted in September was lifted by Chancellor John Christensen on Nov. 15.

Throughout the University of Nebraska system, each campus' risk manager examined food policies and made recommendations to each administration.

Each campus made their decision independently of each other, with Lincoln maintaining their policy of allowing outside food, Kearny imposing restrictions and regulations. In September, it was expected that the University of Nebraska Medical Center would impose a ban similar to UNO's ban.

The university's decision to ban brownies and cookies was in response to a recommendation by UNO's risk manager Bill Swanson.

The ban shut down fundraiser bake sales and giveaways of baked goods, citing health concerns, particularly allergies to food like peanuts. Pre-September, the campus food service policy only prohibited outside catering, but had allowed bake sales.

“I think the whole notion of risk and liability have changed the way everything is being done on campus,” said Swanson in September. “This is a

health issue, this is a safety issue.”

One of the opponents to the ban were several UNO student organizations that relied on the funds from bake sales held throughout the year, including Public Relation Student Society of America.

The decision to reverse the ban was made after Christensen considered the health concerns and found “the risks are very low,” he said.

“Obviously, I think student organizations depend on those kinds of fundraiser, and I think that's important,” said Christensen.

Christensen made his announcement at the university's Strategic Planning and Step Up awards ceremony. He said while the ban was lifted, there still would be some restrictions.

Student organizations will be required to register their bake sale with the university as well as receive safety information relating to food preparation, storage and allergy information, said Christensen.

Students not directly involved with student organizations may not have felt the impact, however several understood the health concerns but felt they were unjustified.

“I can see why they did it. I never had a bad experience with a bake sale in my life, for real,” said Judy Hansen, a senior journalism major. “I know some

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Tuition opportunities for local Iowa residents

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After being told they could attend UNO at nearly in-state tuition, residents of Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties in Iowa were looking for more information. About 150 interested parents and students showed up for the first tuition forum held at Omaha's Qwest Center on Nov. 18.

Starting next fall, the Metropolitan Advantage Program will lower tuition for those three counties to about 150 percent of resident tuition.

For 2007-08, UNO charged \$154.75 per credit hour for undergraduate residents. Through the program, those Iowa residents would pay \$232 per credit hour, based on this year's rates.

The program, said Chancellor John Christensen at the program's announcement on Oct. 30, is meant to assist UNO in competing with Iowa universities on the basis of quality, cost and convenience.

Representatives from several of UNO's key departments were on hand at the forum to lead families through the decision making process, including admissions, campus recreation, housing as well as the UNO Honors Program.

“It sure opens up a lot of doors for students, like Stevie here, to stay at home and, rather than go to Iowa Western, come here, because the tuition is a little higher, but it isn't to the caliber of paying out of state,” said Ned Nelson, a Pottawattamie resident and parent.

Stevie Rockwell, Nelson's daughter, said the program has allowed her to consider a greater range of options when it comes to her post-secondary education.

“It's a little more appealing because I was planning on going to the University of Iowa, but then I could stay at home and not go five hours away,” said Rockwell. “I'd get just as good of an education as there.”



photo by Michelle Bishop
Paul Schroder, a senior at Abraham Lincoln High, could possibly attend UNO next fall at almost in-state tuition.

Which seems to be what UNO is promoting. When competing on the basis of educational quality, with prohibitive out-of-state tuition out of the picture, UNO is aiming to improve education levels and increase economic growth in the Omaha area, said David Cicotello, director of Enrollment Services.

“With that discount it makes it highly competitive for those students to consider UNO as their school of choice,” said Cicotello. “We're hoping to attract the talent of those three counties to consider UNO, get an education at UNO and hope they make Omaha their residence.”

Cicotello said UNO would be reaching out to local Iowa high schools and holding several more forums to get the word out about Omaha's changing metropolitan campus.

“UNO is not the UNO of your grandfather or grandmother,” said Cicotello. “It is changing dynamically.”

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Local niche newspapers at journalism forum

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Of course, Omaha has the *Omaha World-Herald*, the city's most widely read daily newspaper. However, there are several smaller newspapers that address Omaha's ethnic and religious communities and play David to the *Herald's* Goliath.

Looking to discuss those publication's influence and operation, UNO's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists sponsored a forum on Nov. 15 in the Milo Bail Student Center's Dodge Room.

The "Other Voices: Religious and Ethnic Newspapers in Omaha" forum was comprised of four different panelists: Carol Katzman, editor of the *Jewish Press*; Randy Grosse, advertising manager and assistant editor of the *Catholic Voice*; Ben Salazar, editor and publisher of *Nuestro Mundo*; and Marguerita Washington, editor and publisher of the *Omaha Star*.

The forum was sponsored by UNO chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists, AD Club and the UNO School of Communication. Hugh Reilly, an associate professor in the School of Communication, was the forum moderator.

The forum opened with an explanation of backgrounds and views.

"My interests before starting my paper were very diverse and the paper now reflects my interests. *Nuestro Mundo* gives me an outlet to be creative and to be an activist," said Salazar.

Washington spoke about the rich history of the *Omaha Star* and how the community values its diversity. She also made a suggestion to aspiring journalists.

"Journalism is very, very interesting," said Washington. "If you want to make it, make sure you're prepared for a fast ride."

Both Katzman and Grosse spoke of the differences between their papers and mainstream media outlets. They both agreed that the main point of their papers was to tell the stories that were not covered elsewhere, bringing light to important issues.

"If I'm not making someone mad, I'm not doing my

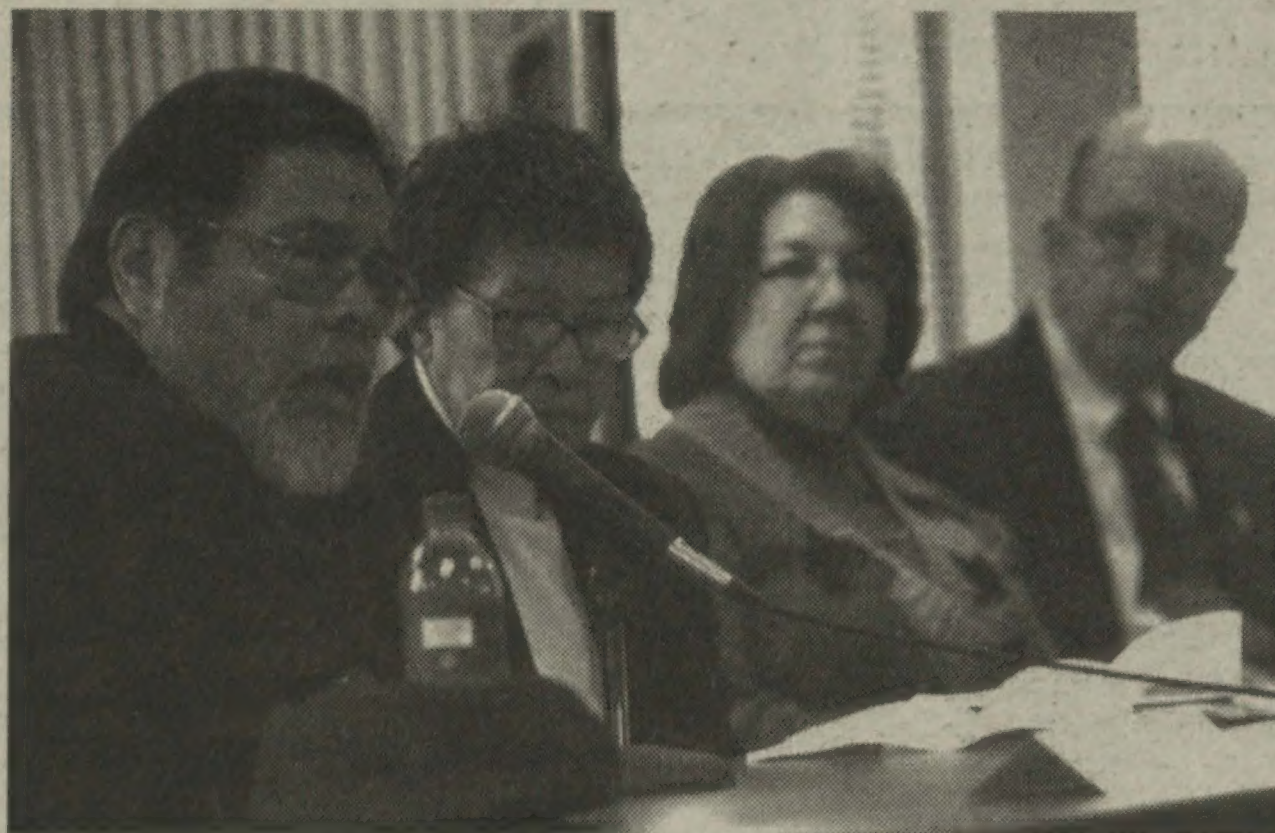


photo by Bill Wendl
Editors of local ethnic and religious newspapers chime in on the newspaper business in Omaha.

job," said Katzman.

All panelists agreed they were the voices of their minority communities.

The audience of about 75 consisted mostly of School of Communication students interested in pursuing journalism. To many of the students, the panelists gave insight into what it means to work for a community newspaper, said Chantel Crockett, the event organizer, graduate teaching assistant in the School of Communications, president of UNO's SPJ chapter as well as a former *Gateway* copy editor.

"Panelists mentioned struggling with advertising and revenue issues, but gave the overwhelming impression that it is extremely rewarding working for a niche newspaper," Crockett said. "It's important to not just think of one major daily when it comes to Omaha newspapers, but to consider all the smaller publications that are working hard to inform and educate their communities."

Alex McKeone, a freshman creative writing major, said she also found value in the panelists' words.

"I thought that it was very interesting. I wasn't really sure what to expect when I decided to come, but I'm glad I came," said McKeone. "I'm a creative writing major, but I'm also interested in journalism. And I think that their advice was very helpful. I didn't really know a lot about journalism so this gave me a little extra insight."

News You Can Use

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Public administration lecture scheduled tomorrow

University of Minnesota McKnight Presidential Professor of Planning and Public Affairs John M. Bryson will give a lecture on strategic planning theory and practice tomorrow, Nov. 28, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the Thompson Alumni Center's Bootstrapper Hall West.

Bryson's lecture, "Observations on Strategic Planning Theory and Practice," is alternatively titled from a Johann Wolfgang von Goethe quotation, "When Ideas Fail, Words Come in Very Handy."

The lecture is sponsored by the School of Public Administration and is free to all students, faculty and staff.

Library children's book fair today, tomorrow

The Criss Library is sponsoring its annual fall children's book fair today and tomorrow. Books for children of all ages, including adult and young adult titles, will be available. Donations for the Open World Mission and One World Community Health Center are also being accepted.

The fair is located on the main floor of the library. It runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Nov. 28. For more information, call reference associate Jon Minkner at 554-3003.

UNO students collecting books, toys for refugee, immigrant children

The Service Learning Academy along with the International Center for the Heartland is currently collecting books and toys to benefit refugee and immigrant children in the Omaha area.

Gently used and new educational toys and books for children ages 3 to 5 can be dropped off at any Omaha Public Library branch, the Ralston Public

Library or the Criss Library on campus through Friday, Nov. 30. Items will be donated to the International Center for the Heartland in Omaha.

Money raised will also fund Mommy and Me classes for refugee families.

For more information on the project, contact Kathe Oleson at kathleoleson@mail.unomaha.edu or 554-2427.

'Hockey 101 for Women' at Qwest Center

The UNO Hockey team will hold "Hockey 101 for Women" on Thursday, Dec. 6. The event will serve as a fundraiser for the Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk and Liz's Legacy, which funds scholarships for female student athletes at UNO.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet the team and learn hockey tips from the players' perspectives after registration starts at 4:30 p.m.

The event costs \$75 per person, includes dinner with the team and coaches, free parking, a T-shirt and one ticket to the UNO vs. Lake Superior State hockey series Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 8. The first 100 registered participants will also receive the book *Hockey for Dummies* by John Davidson and John Steinbreder.

To register, contact Shirley Fey at 554-3422 or sfey@mail.unomaha.edu. All registrations must be received by Thursday, Nov. 29.

Fiscal responsibility addressed by senate

Student Senate

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A short senate meeting saw several appointments and passed legislation at the last session before Thanksgiving break.

Jeff Johnson was appointed as the Information Science and Technology senator at the Nov. 15 meeting in the Milo Bail Student Center. Matt Nelson was appointed as parliamentarian and Tyler Micek as sergeant at arms.

Executive Treasurer Melissa Gubbels also announced at the meeting that \$10,911 of the senate's quarterly budget of \$45,000 had already been allocated and that the Kansas City retreat was \$200 under budget.

Other business included a letter of statement authored by Allyson Lenhart. "Fiscal responsibility should be the first and foremost goal of all resolutions requiring the allocation of funds," according to the letter.

"There wasn't really any discussion unless we pulled [the senators] out of their own committee," said Lenhart.

The letter of statement, which passed unanimously, will require all resolutions be submitted with price quotes, alternate funding, contact information and explanation of benefits.

"It is kind of the platform a lot of senators ran off of, and I think we really need to do something to show the people that voted for us that we're taking it seriously," said Lenhart.

A resolution addressing student government's strategic plan requirement for student engagement was also passed at the meeting. The resolution established that the first-committee meeting following the first senate session of February and November will be set aside for a community service project.

"We're planning on in the fall working at a soup kitchen around Thanksgiving, maybe Open Door Mission, Sienna Francis House," said Nick Buda, one of the sponsoring senators. "In the spring, coming up with Habitat for Humanity, Omaha Food Bank."

Aiming to increase the university's visibility and commitment to the community, senate will "go out and give back," said Buda.

Student Senate's next meeting will be Dec. 6 in the Milo Bail Student Center.

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Students mix food, fun during Native American heritage month

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The sounds of traditional Native American music and laughter spilled out into the student center's third floor hallway on Nov. 15. Inside the Umoho Room, students had gathered to acknowledge Native American awareness month with games, chili and honey-soaked fry bread.

Some attendees were initially unsure of what to expect of the event, as demonstrated by a few students who had arrived anticipating a speaker. Under an umbrella of culturally relevant food and music, the mixer allowed students to interact on a casual basis with a different culture. About 25 students gathered around tables, shared stories and played games.

A Finnish exchange student from the University of Helsinki, Vera Saarentaus, attended the event. She's not only a ringer at the dominos table, but is also taking courses in comparative literature and Native American studies.

"I'm taking Native American studies classes and it seemed like a good idea to come. When you have the opportunity, why not show up?" Saarentaus said. "There are fantastic events and lectures all over campus, and why not attend them? I've been to lectures where I've been the only student, and that's sad."

The gathering was hosted by the Intertribal Student Council in conjunction with the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs. The Intertribal Student Council is made up of a diverse group of Latino, white, Vietnamese and Native American students. Evident by its demographics, students are not required to have a tribal association in order to participate.

"I would say half of the attendees seemed to be of native heritage and the other half people of interest," said Sharif Liwaru, advisor for cultural programs in the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs Office.

This is the first year mixers have been coordinated with the campus's monthly awareness themes. Last

spring the SOLP office held one, large event with a multicultural theme. Surveyed students and faculty members indicated a desire for more frequent events, broken down by culture. Plans are now underway to host two events per semester, each coinciding with the heritage month's theme. Earlier this semester a similar mixer was held during Latino/Latina Awareness Month.

"I bet lots [of members] are native and don't even know it ... there have been a lot of adoptions

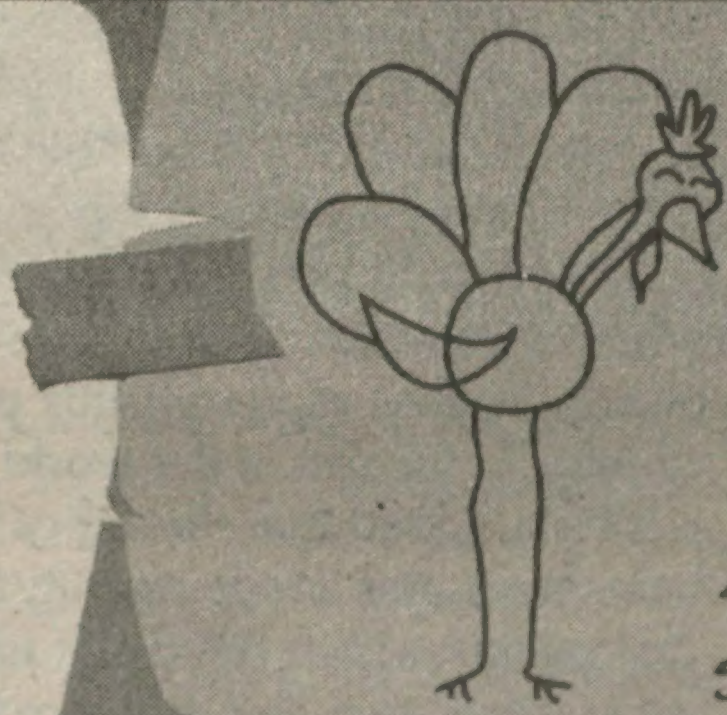
and race mixing throughout history," said Frankie Hannah, freshman math major, Intertribal Student Council member and young woman of Blackfeet and Mandan Sioux heritage.

Hannah may have had the best reason of all to attend.

"I met someone new. I don't have many friends here yet, so these mixers are a good place to meet people. Besides that, there is free food," Hannah said.



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Jessica Hansen, Michael Leading Horse and Joanna Nguyen watch a break dancing video of the Massive Monkeys during the Native American Mixer on Nov. 15 in the Milo Bail Student Center.



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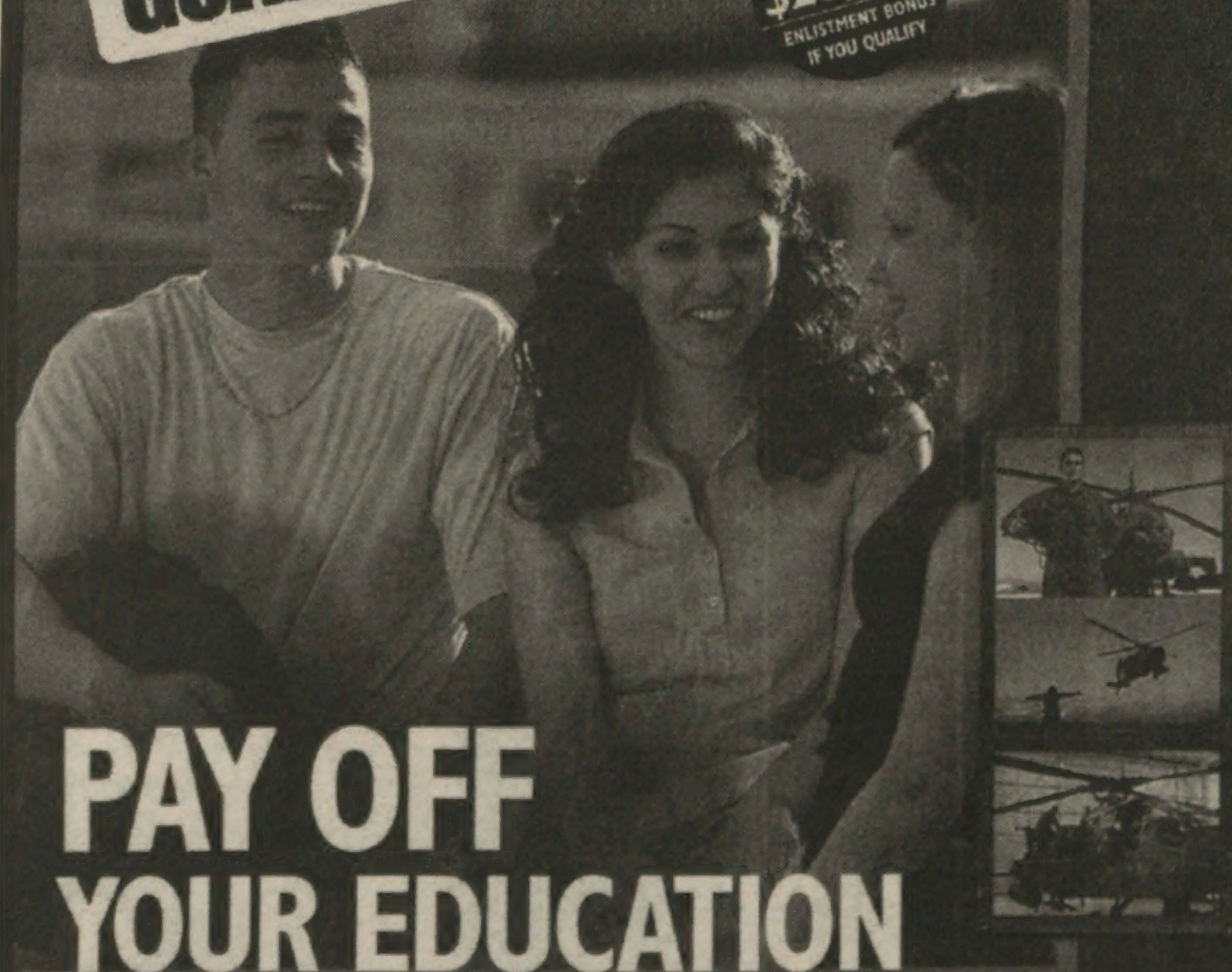
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Activities targeted global learning

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Between Nov. 12 and Nov. 16, several activities and events were organized for International Education Week, with the effort being spearheaded by UNO's International Studies and Programs department.

The activities were "designed to celebrate the diversity and achievements of UNO's international student population. They ... also serve to educate the campus and surrounding communities about the rich cultures that are represented at UNO," according to the International Studies and Programs' Web site, world.unomaha.edu.

An "Ancient Writing in the Mediterranean World" exhibit, a luncheon and a study abroad table were all incorporated into the week's festivities.

Shea Wilkinson, a global diplomat, answered questions for students at the study abroad information table in the student center. Wilkinson described the global diplomats as UNO's ambassadors for foreign exchange students, as well as students interested in learning more about studying abroad, or even just foreign cultures.

"We are just doing the extra work that people are too lazy to do on their own. We do the work and meet them more than half way to get them to at least think about studying abroad,"

Wilkinson said.

There was also an International Outreach event at Crestridge elementary where UNO international students visited with elementary students to share cultures and experiences.

"International education enriches the lives of everyone who becomes involved culturally, academically and socially," said Tom Gouttierre, dean of International Studies and Programs. "However, one of the most important contributions is the mutual understanding that results among those who participate in international exchanges and the potential this has for global stability and peace."

This past year, there were more than 1,300 international participants at UNO, with a total of 117 countries represented on campus, according to the International Studies' Web site.

Most students who study abroad typically do so during their sophomore or junior year, however it can be worked into anyone's college career, said Joseph Hesse, a global diplomat.

"To dispel the rumor that study abroad is going to set you back in your college career, this is a huge idea, is completely not true. There are plenty of programs that just go along with your UNO class schedule," said Hesse. "The benefit to studying abroad is to become a global citizen: to get outside of America and learn things in foreign countries and how other people actually live."

Melancholy Midwest featured in series from Film Streams

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A&L EDITOR

The tagline for the Coen brothers' film *Fargo* was that "a lot can happen in the middle of nowhere."

Thanks to an Omaha-born culture guru and the newest series from Film Streams, the metro area has a chance to see just how true that assumption is. Starting on Nov. 16, the Ruth Sokolof Theatre, operated by Film Streams, began its "Nebraska and the Great Plains in the Movies" series. Along with more recent films like *About Schmidt* and *Fargo*, the series is showing older classics like Terrence Malick's *Badlands* and the documentary *A Time for Burning*, a rarely-seen look at racial tensions in 1960s Omaha.

"I think it's very interesting to see the various ways in which this part of the world, physically, culturally and spiritually have been depicted over the last 70 years," explained Kurt Andersen, a novelist, public radio host and New York Magazine columnist. Andersen, a Film Streams board member, helped curate the exhibit. The idea for the series originally started in New York, where Andersen currently resides when Film Streams' director, Rachel Jacobson, was at the WYNC radio station with Andersen.

"I talked to him early on when I knew I was going to move home and set this up," explained Jacobson. "We had a few different ideas for what he could do but this is one that he was really excited about and I think it had a lot to do with his role as a cultural commentator." Andersen explained that when coming up with his list of films, he wasn't intending to find patterns between them. However, after watching numerous films about the Great Plains, certain connections became obvious. "[There's] the potential dullness, or quiet, or emptiness or all those things which are a double-sided coin and beautiful or spooky, or sublime or it drives you

crazy," Andersen said. "Then the third option is the Coen brothers/Alexander Payne [one], which is this interesting in-between version where there's this edge of melancholy but it's also funny and people are also good but they're not saintly."

Film Streams' communications director, Casey Logan, said it wasn't until he saw the films in a series that he noticed similar patterns.

"I think it's very interesting to view it with people who are from here and think of how it does represent this part of the country to the rest of the world," he said. Jacobson added that the series also gives her organization an opportunity to facilitate discussions within the community about issues that may be triggered through reactions to the films in the series. In particular a post-film discussion of *A Time for Burning* will feature public figures like state senator Ernie Chambers and KETV's Ben Gray.

"We invited a lot of people from the community who either have some sort of relationship to it or are involved in conversation about civil rights today," Jacobson explained.

Andersen's view is that if the series can facilitate those types of discussions and expose people to films they haven't seen before it will have been a success.

"I think it's really fun because here are movies that are very seldom played on TV and once in a very rare opportunity anywhere in America to see them in theaters," he said. "You can see *Beowulf* or the next Steve Carell movie anytime."

The *A Time for Burning* discussion, moderated by Ben Gray, will follow tonight's 7:15 p.m. showing.

More information about the discussion, Film Streams and the rest of the series can be found at filmstreams.org. Additionally, more information on Andersen can be found at his Web site, kurtandersen.com.

Holiday movie season an early mix of critical hits and big flops

August Rush

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August Rush stars Freddie Highmore (*Finding Neverland*), who absolutely shines as an orphan boy who hears music where no one else can. Believing that somewhere out there his parents can hear the same sounds, he sets out to find them.

His journey takes him to New York City where he has to try and survive, with the help (and manipulation) of a has-been musician named Wizard (Robin Williams). An innate musical ability leads August to be pulled in multiple directions by people who want to use his talent for themselves.

The movie also tells the story of his parents, a cellist named Lyla Novacek (Keri Russell) and a singer/songwriter named Louis Connelly (Johnathan Rys-Myers), who are pulled apart from each other only to feel inexplicably drawn back, 11 years later, to the place where they first met: New York City.

August Rush is essentially *Mr. Holland's Opus* meets *Oliver Twist*; it's uplifting but not overly-sappy. There are numerous logic and plot holes in the film but if you can suspend your disbelief for two hours, you will be in for a wonderful movie-going experience that should warm even the coldest of hearts.

★★★



Control

REVIEW BY
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A&L EDITOR

There are good movies, there are great movies and there are movies so powerful that stay with you long after you've left the theater. *Control* is one of those movies, and quite possibly one of best movies of the year.

Told with stunning black-and-white cinematography from Martin Ruhe, *Control* is the story of Ian Curtis (Sam Riley), lead singer from the 80's post-punk pioneers Joy Division (later becoming New Order) and his wife, Deborah (Samantha Morton) from the time the couple met in school through the singer's untimely suicide in 1980.

Riley, in his feature film debut, and Morton (*Minority Report*) are fantastic in this film, putting on Oscar-caliber performances as the young couple.

Control shows, with almost painfully silent objectivity, Curtis' decline from a wide-eyed, idealistic youth to his last years where the balance of fame and responsibility cost him his family, sanity and eventually his life.

The film tells Curtis' story in a way that is, ironically, remarkably controlled and respectful. Anton Corbijn allows the audience to relate to Curtis, not as a pop icon from the past, but as a person. That, more than anything, is what makes the film so powerful.

★★★★★

No Country for Old Men

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No Country for Old Men is a film that requires multiple viewings to understand and so, this review likely doesn't even begin to grasp the movie's message or scope.

Based on the Cormac McCarthy novel, *No Country* is, on its face, the story of a drug deal gone wrong. Llewellyn Moss (James Brolin) finds a satchel of money left in the aftermath of a botched deal only to soon find a crazed criminal named Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem) is also after the money and willing to do anything to get it.

The real story, and the real counterpart to Chigurh in the film, is not Moss, but Sheriff Ed Tom Bell (Tommy Lee Jones) who takes it upon himself to track down Moss and save him.

Bell and Chigurh never meet on screen and appropriately, their stories move unheeded in opposite directions: Chigurh with determination and purpose and Bell with reservation and exhaustion.

Those expecting an entertaining film will likely only leave upset, but those looking for a film to make you think likely won't find a better one in theaters for.

Like it or hate it, the Coen brothers (*Fargo*, *Blood Simple*) have crafted a masterful character study with *No Country for Old Men*.

★★★★★



The Mist

REVIEW BY
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A&L EDITOR

What's in Stephen King's *The Mist*? A whole bunch of clichés and paper-thin character types. In other words, it is nothing worth spending money on.

The film is based on King's 1985 story about a small town in Maine that is suddenly covered in a mysterious thick mist (think *The Fog*), cornering a number of the town's residents and some visitors inside grocery store. Many want to rush to find help, but as the audience soon finds out, there are other things in the mist that won't let them do that so easily.

The Mist is Frank Darabont's (*The Shawshank Redemption*, *The Green Mile*) take on King's attempt at recapturing the sci-fi, big-bug horrors of the 1950s. And like those movies, there is political criticism. However, 2007 is not 1957, and the attempt comes off as heavy-handed and misplaced.

The dialogue, actions and even personalities of many of the characters appeared taken straight out of a *Horror for Dummies* book; except, perhaps, for Marcia Gay Harden's ultra-religious soothsayer character, which was easily the best part of the movie.

The Mist is not a bad movie; it's just predictable. In many ways, that's probably the most disappointing thing.

★★★

Hitman

REVIEW BY
ADAM GEHRINGER
CONTRIBUTOR

If you're looking for an artistic film or deep movie that will keep you thinking for weeks, don't waste your time on *Hitman*. However, if you're looking to be entertained by good, old fashioned American violence and gratuitous nudity for 90 minutes, it may be perfect.

While earning its place on the long list of disappointing movies based on video games, *Hitman* does have its strong points.

Timothy Olyphant does an excellent job of portraying the socially inept Agent 47, helped in no small part by the poorly written dialogue between himself and female companion Nika Boronina, played by Olga Kurylenko.

Occasionally, humorous situations and creative fight scenes make the movie watch-able, in spite of a weak plot through the majority of the movie.

On another positive note, director Xavier Gens does a great job of paying tribute to the game series with little references here and there that will jog the memories of gamers. The biggest let down is that the *Hitman* games gave Gens a great opportunity to be artistic and intelligent; instead moviegoers are left with nothing more than a cheap action flick.

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Lighting ceremony just the beginning for Holiday Lights Festival

The lighting display for the Omaha Holiday Lights Festival is located throughout the Old Market, the Gene Leahy Mall, the W. Dale Clark Library, the ConAgra Foods Campus, the Qwest Center as well as along both 10th Street towards Abbot Drive and along Farnam Street.

This season's display will run through Jan. 6, with the lights being on from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

Additional events and more information about the festival can be found online at holidaylightsfestival.org.

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Thanksgiving night kicked off the first of many holiday festivities in downtown Omaha as part of this year's Holiday Lights Festival.

The Mutual of Omaha Bank Thanksgiving Lighting Ceremony pulled fewer people downtown than usual but there was no stopping Mayor Mike Fahey from flipping the switch on this year's, "O! What a Glow!" themed light display. The lights will be shining every night until Jan. 6.

The lighting ceremony was followed by a concert at the Holland Performing Arts Center called "Making

Spirits Bright." Performers included the Cabaret Theatre, Camille Metoyer Moten and 11-year-old Grace Bydalek.

Events after the lighting also included "The Holiday Skating Extravaganza," presented at Omaha's Civic Auditorium Arena. The free ice show was presented, produced and directed by the coaches of the Blade & Edge Figure Skating Club and the Figure Skating Club of Omaha.

Additionally this holiday season, ConAgra Foods Inc. will "Shine a Light on Hunger" and has a special treat in store for Omaha.

Starting Dec. 1, and running through Dec. 16, ConAgra has built a temporary ice-skating rink on its grounds at 10th and Harney streets. The skating rink will be open to the public and skaters will be charged a \$5 admission fee. This cost includes skate rentals and all proceeds will be donated to the Nebraska Food Bank as part of the "Shine a Light on Hunger" campaign.

In a statement for the festival, Mayor Fahey said "this year's Holiday Lights Festival offers a great variety of activities and the opportunity for the public to participate in a community-wide effort to fight hunger. I am confident Omaha will get behind this effort to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need."

Every Saturday through the festival the Gene Leahy Mall will be filled with people enjoying the sounds of local choral and musical groups. "Sounds of the Season" will showcase different musical acts each Saturday evening from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

First National Bank will wrap up the "O! What a Glow!" festival this year by presenting a fireworks extravaganza to honor their 150th anniversary. Produced by J&M Displays, the fireworks display will be musically accompanied by sounds of Lite101.9 KLTQ-FM. People watching the fireworks display this New Year's Eve are encouraged to bring a radio and tune in to the station to hear the accompanying music.

The Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce's "O!" campaign has had a significant impact on the city in recent years and with O!-so-many activities occurring downtown, it may be hard to fall out of the Christmas spirit this year.

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Wednesday Nov. 14th

Sig Ep B 24 vs Average Joe's 54
Gato Raiders 10 vs Elder Statesmen 44
Pike A 48 ** vs Lambda chi alpha 38
Bottom Feeders 71 vs The Squad 60
Sig Ep A 45 vs Andy's Team 50
Burn Squad-bye

Thursday Nov. 15th

Tigers 12 vs Flying She-Squirrels 43
Penetrators 63 vs Bus Drivers 62
Red Raiders forfeit vs Bowden

Sunday Nov. 18th

Amigos Con Queso 39 vs Harry Houndinis 60
Verticle Smilers 90 vs Fabrees 85
One-Eyed Weasels 68 vs Flying Burritos 78
Popp Squad vs Ballers forfeit
2 Dollar Bill 60 vs Fresh To Death 40
Make it Rain 19 vs Dolly Llamas 49
Bowlers 31 vs Shockers 39
The Untouchables bye
Your Mom vs Wolfpack forfeit
El Chupacabras 20 vs McLovin 53
Pink Zebra 89 vs Its Ova 86
Who Knows 47 vs Bathing Apes 54
Coaches Clinic forfeit vs Big O
Thunder-bye

6x6 Volleyball

Wednesday Nov. 14th

Super Bad 2-0 vs We Eat out Wheaties 0-2
Hustlers 2-0 vs Soujah Boyz 0-2
Sig Ep-bye

Thursday Nov. 15th

Alpha Xi Delta Blue 0-2 vs Pink Squad 2-0
Zeta Tau Alpha Blue vs Zeta Tau Alpha Grey forfeit
Chi Omega Straw 2-0 vs Sigma Kappa White 0-2
Alpha Xi Delta Gold 2-0 vs Sigma Kappa White 0-2
Alpha Xi Delta Blue 2-0 vs Sigma Kappa Maroon 0-2
Zeta Tau Alpha Blue 0-2 vs Pink Squad 2-0
Zeta Tau Alpha Grey 0-2 vs Tigers 2-0
Chi Omega Cardinal-bye

Sunday Nov. 18th

Team Odo 0-2 vs Moose Knuckles 2-0
Sets on The Beach 1-2 vs Jackass 2-1
Average Joe's 1-2 vs Ballas 2-1
Thunder-bye
Crespers 0-2 vs Defenestrate You 2-0
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Thunder Cats 1-2 vs The Mavericks 2-1
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Floor Hockey

Tuesday Nov. 13th

Sig Ep B 1 vs Pike A 6
Lambda chi Alpha 4 vs Sig Ep A 3

Thursday Nov. 15th

Alpha Xi Delta 2 vs Sigma Kappa 1
Chi Omega 1 vs Zeta Tau Alpha 0

Monday Nov. 19th

X-Factor 4 vs Crazy Spoons 2
Injured Ducks 4 vs The Flying V 1
Ice Mountain-bye

Wii Golf

Monday Nov. 19th

Snow forfeit vs Sam forfeit
Birdie McPar +5 vs Golden Bear
Eye of the Tiger vs Manny Cha +4
Ali-bye

Wii Tennis

Wednesday Nov. 14th

Mike G 1-4 vs Wii Guy 4-1
Sam M vs Jake M forfeit
Makayla J 0-5 vs Rasmussen 5-0
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standing around and not making plays and they made one there."

With UNO's next possession, disaster struck again. Maverick quarterback Zach Miller threw an interception on a second down play, and CWU first team all-conference wide out Johnny Spevak went up high to snag the go-ahead touchdown just three plays later.

After a missed extra point, UNO was anything but out of it at 20-17. But despite a valiant effort in the game's final two minutes that found the Mavericks close to field goal range, Miller's third interception of the afternoon ended a game that will go down in infamy as perhaps the hardest this program has had to swallow.

"I'm not sure there's anybody in this state that's more disappointed than me right now," Behrns said on a day that Bill Callahan was relieved of his duties as head coach of the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Miller might also beg to differ.

"I felt like I let a game that we could've had slip away," Miller said. "We had a very good football team all year long, and today we didn't play well enough to win."

The lack of a dominating running game from UNO was perhaps the biggest surprise in the upset. The Mavericks ranked among the top five in the nation in ground work during the regular season, but managed just 149 rushing yards on Saturday. This unit posted 361 yards rushing against these same Wildcats during their last regular season game, a 59-21 slaughtering in Ellensburg, Wash., just two weeks prior.

"They came in with the idea that they had to stop the run and they did it," Behrns said. "We got put on our heels today physically, and that's a tribute to them."

The Maverick defense stymied Central Washington's capable running game as well, but Wildcat junior quarterback Mike Reilly's 224 yards and two touchdowns proved to be good enough to catapult his team toward a quarterfinal meeting with Grand Valley State.

Saturday's game represented the last competition in a Maverick uniform for 15 seniors. All-conference studs Ben Hochstein



photo by Michelle Bishop
Senior cornerback Larry Atkinson walks off the field after CWU's 20-17 comeback win during Saturday's second round NCAA Division II playoff game.



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Rob Lewis gets his hand on the ball to block a field goal attempt by Central Washington kicker Garrett Rolsma in the first quarter Saturday.

and Jake Krause from the offensive line, safety Randy Kush and defensive lineman Rob Lewis highlight a talented group of seniors that watched their collegiate careers end in heartbreaking fashion.

For the players that will be around next year, the next step is to bounce back and fight off the lingering sting that a loss like this could leave.

"It's really tough," said junior linebacker Jacob Chandler, who had a momentum swinging 44-yard interception return that led to UNO's 14-7 lead late in the third quarter. "We just have to suck it up and be men right now, and just try to move forward."

The Mavericks will embark on their first season as a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association in 2008, after claiming at least a share of the North Central Conference's last four championships.

Despite a three-point weekend, bitter taste remains for UNO hockey

CHARLEY REED
A&L EDITOR

After this weekend's series against the University of Alaska, the Maverick hockey team earned three points, pulled to .500 overall and maintained a hold on the middle of the conference standings.

However, ask any of the players on UNO's team how they feel about the weekend and you'll get an all-too-familiar response.

"We have skilled guys on our team, we have a lot of offensive weapons but our offense comes from hard work and laying the body and checking and I think we got away from that," said junior forward Dan Charleston. "We need to get back to that. We need to do the little things right."

Charleston had a goal and an assist in Saturday's 4-4 tie with Alaska (0-7-1). UNO (5-5-1) had a 4-1 lead at one point in the second period but allowed the Nanooks to forge the tie and couldn't capitalize in overtime. Saturday's tie came after a come-from-behind win on Friday where the Mavs erased a two-goal deficit to win 4-3.

"It was clearly a case of ourselves being in a situation where we allowed a game to slip through our fingers," Kemp explained after Saturday night's tie. "There's no good, logical excuse for it, and it's simply a fact that we were in a position to win a hockey game and let it go."

Friday marked the first trip back to Omaha for former UNO assistant head coach Doc DelCastillo, now head coach for the Nanooks. DelCastillo's team, which still remains winless after the weekend, set the tone early.

After goals, career firsts, from freshmen Derek Klassen and Nathan Lawrence, the Mavs found themselves down 2-0 in the first.

The second period initially didn't yield any better results for the Mavericks. Sophomore defenseman Eddie Del Grosso cut the lead to one goal at 4:28 of the second but Alaska's Dustin Sather responded at 12:48 to

make the score 3-1.

Luckily for UNO, a pair of senior veteran forwards, Brandon Scero and Bryan Marshall, were up to the task of coming from behind, quickly evening up the score as the second period wound down.

The tension was palpable inside the Qwest Center until a hooking call on Alaska junior Tyler Eckford led to a scoring opportunity for Del Grosso, who snapped the game-winning goal from a wrist shot which deflected into the net.

With all the momentum from Friday's come-from-behind win, the Mavs came out and

dominated the first two periods of Saturday's game. The Mavs ended the first period with two quick goals 19 seconds apart from freshman Rich Purslow to junior Tomas Klempa and sophomore Nick Fanto.

The Mavs only increased the pressure from that point, racking up goals from Charleston and Scero within a minute and a half of each other to go up 4-1 halfway through the second period before DelCastillo called a timeout to reassess his strategy.

"When I called the timeout I don't think it was [Alaska goaltender Wylie Rogers], I think it was our

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photo by Michelle Bishop
The Mavericks and goalie Eric Aarnio were able to fend off a late third period attack by Alaska to win Friday's game 4-3.

UNO title run ends in Minnesota

JASON SIBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The fairy tale story UNO's soccer team has been writing reached a heartbreaking final chapter last Sunday afternoon in Mankato, Minnesota. Despite out-shooting undefeated Grand Valley State 12-11, the Mavericks fell 1-0 in the quarterfinal showdown to end their 11-game winning streak and an exciting second half title run.

The Lakers converted a corner kick less than 10 minutes into the contest, and Division II's No. 1 team held on. They will now face Tampa University in a semifinal match Thursday afternoon.

The game marked the second straight season UNO's title hopes were dashed by Grand Valley.

The Mavericks ended their season at 14-6-1.

Despite falling short of a national title, UNO's accomplishments this season leave little room for disappointment. After a difficult 4-5 stretch to begin the season, the Mavericks made an inspiring run with their backs against the wall. Knowing one more loss would cripple their postseason chances, UNO rattled off six weeks of undefeated play.

They then stormed through the first three rounds of this year's NCAA championships to set up a 2-0 redemption win over Minnesota, Mankato, this year's North Central Conference champions.

In individual success, senior midfielder Dani McCawley was named the NCC's most valuable player for her outstanding play this season. McCawley recorded eight goals and three assists from her field general role at center-mid. Senior forward Brandie Beale joined McCawley on the NCC first-team, and broke UNO's career record for assists along the way.



photo by Patrick Doty

Lindsey Nealon focuses on the ball while battling Winona State's Annie Lauterer during the second round of the 2007 NCAA women's soccer championship in Winona, Minn.

Junior forward Casey Bigsby, who scored a team-leading 10 goals this season, and junior midfielder Tara Wegehaupt, also joined McCawley and Beale as NCC first-team members. Sophomore defender Jessica Powers was named to the NCC second team.

This year's Division II national champion will be crowned on Dec. 2 in Orange Beach, Ala.

The title may have eluded UNO this season, but you can bet Head Coach Don Klosterman will have another team competing for a national championship this time next season. He always does.

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team," he said. "[After the time out] I think we started moving our feet ... we became a lot more aggressive."

Not too long after that timeout, Alaska junior Adam Naglich earned his first goal of the season in close against UNO senior goaltender Eric Aarnio. Aarnio was making his third consecutive start, the most of any UNO goaltender this season.

The infamous "dangerous two-goal lead" lived up to its name in the third period when freshman Landon Novotney scored his fourth and fifth goals of the year, both coming on passes down the length of the ice. The first found Novotney's stick, and the second was due to a two-on-one screen in front of the net, a screen that the freshman capitalized on.

"I think Eric [Aarnio] played well. I think it's on the leader[s] offensively and defensively," Charleston said. "We got too complacent. We got too happy with the four to one lead and it bit us in the butt."

Moving to five-minute overtime, the Mavs rekindled their competitive flare but ran short on time. Attempting a total of 14 shots to Alaska's one in the extra frame, Alaska's Rogers held strong and secured the tie with a total of 32 saves on the night.

"It's been one of those up and down kind of things," Kemp said, talking about his team's youth on defense. "We're still not holding [our opponents] down the way we should from a defensive standpoint. We're giving up too many goals."

On the other side of the bench, first-year head coach DelCastillo had nothing but praise for his team despite being winless eight games into the season.

"I told them at the timeout this is character check time, to see what this team has and they responded," he said. "We still haven't won but I'm extremely proud."

While the Nanooks will hit the road once again to face a 5-9-0 Northern Michigan team, UNO will be facing its third Top 10 ranked team of the season when they travel to play Notre Dame next weekend.

"We're upbeat going into Notre Dame," Charleston said. "A tough beat like this might make us more hungry; it should make us more hungry."

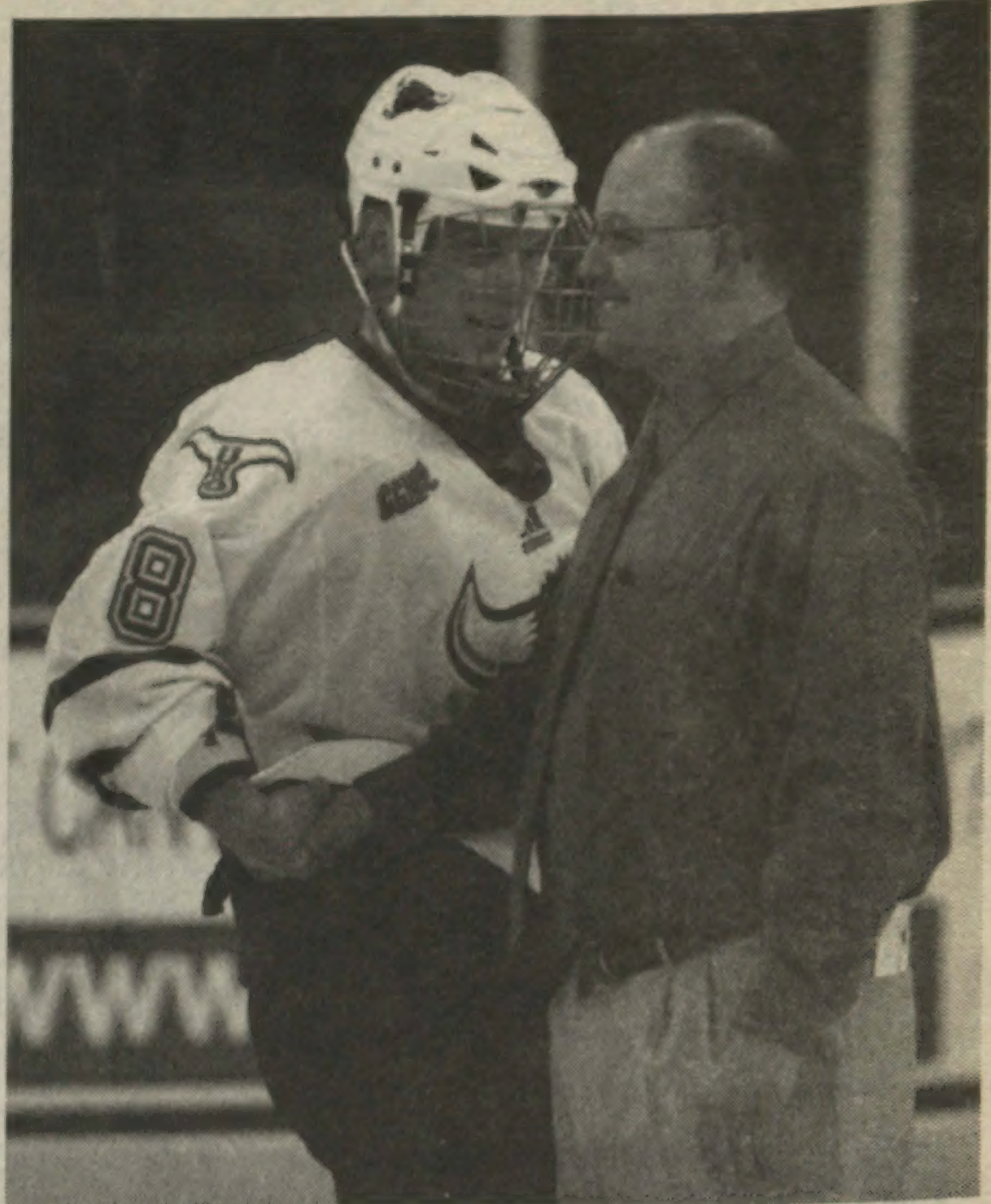


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Tomas Klempa shakes hands with former UNO assistant coach Doc DelCastillo after Saturday's game.



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Brandon Scero congratulates Eric Aarnio after his 2-0 shutout over Ferris State on Nov. 18.

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UNO Wrestlers impress, capture titles at Kauffman-Brand Open

KEVIN CLEMENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UNO was the host team at the Kauffman-Brand open on Nov. 17 at the Sapp Fieldhouse. The Kauffman-Brand Open is the largest one-day collegiate tournament in the nation. Over 500 wrestlers competed at the event from all collegiate divisions.

The Maverick wrestlers competed quite well at the event, with four wrestlers capturing titles on the day.

Freshman Esai Dominguez went 6-0 on the day at the 149-pound amateur division. He was also named the amateur division's most outstanding wrestler for the tournament.

2006 All-American Sim Bribieseca also went 6-0 on the day and won the 161-pound amateur division title. Aaron Denson, who has been wrestling great as of late, also went undefeated and won the title at 165 pounds.

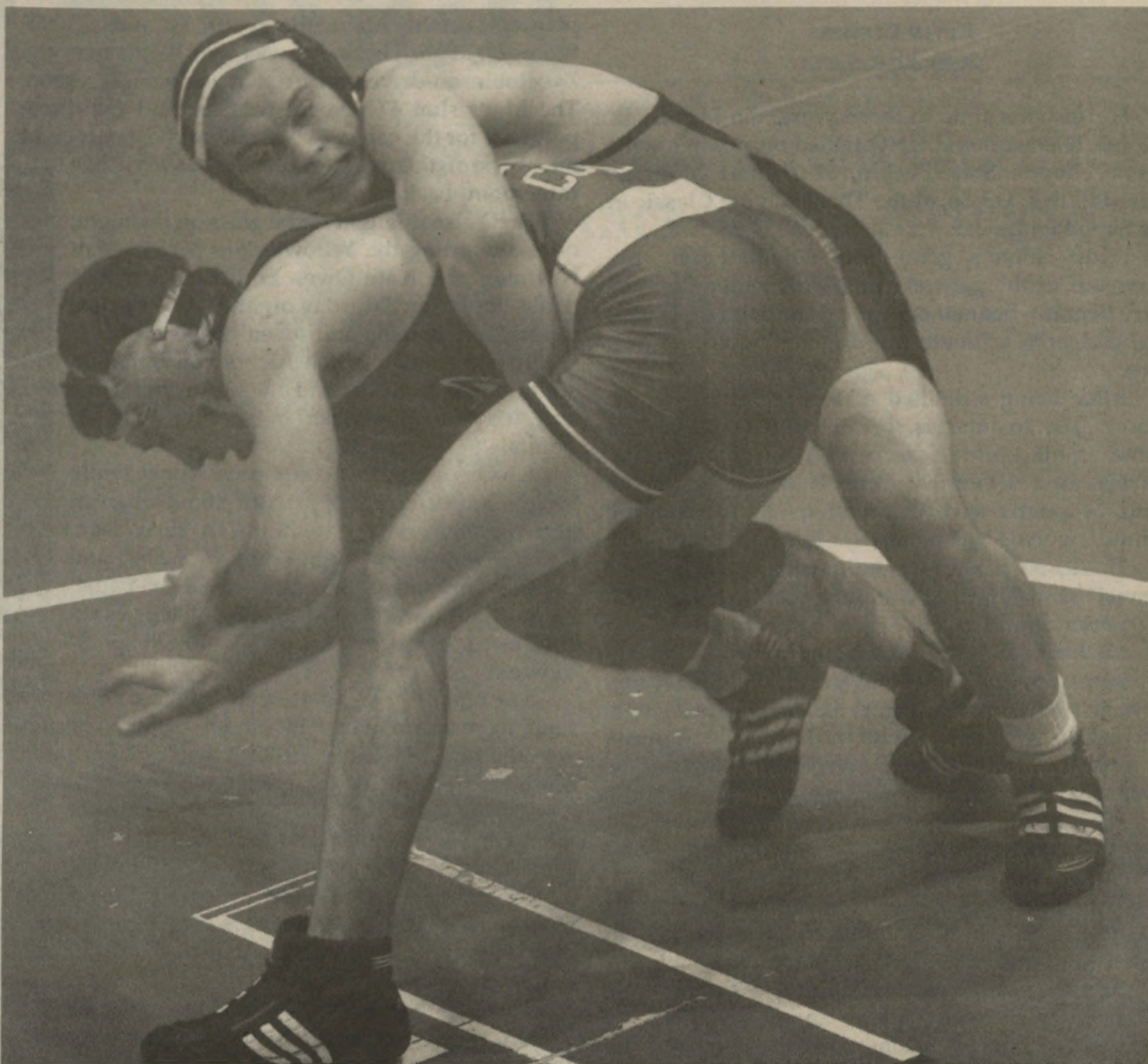
Jacob Marrs won all four of his matches in the elite division at 197 pounds to pull in his third consecutive title at the Kauffman-Brand Open.

Other wrestlers that placed at the event in the amateur division were Mario Morgan, who finished fourth at 133 pounds with a record of 5-2, Jake Ellenberger, who finished fourth at 174, Bruce Boehm, who finished fourth at 285, and Austin Boehm, who finished sixth at 184.

Sophomore Brent Pankoke was the only other Maverick, besides Marrs, to compete in the elite division, and he ended the day with a record of 5-1. He finished in third place at 184 pounds.

Iowa's Brent Metcalf was named the elite division's most outstanding wrestler on the day, winning the title at 149 pounds.

The Mavericks will compete again on the road this Sunday, Dec. 2, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the Northern Iowa Open.



UNO hosted more than 500 of the nation's top wrestlers during the Kaufman-Brand Open on Nov. 17.

photo by Bill Wendt

Volleyball team's late-season surge finally reaches its conclusion

JASON SIBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

After eight straight matches won, UNO volleyball's exciting roll finally came to an end in Duluth, Minn., on Friday, Nov. 16. After a 3-1 victory over Augustana in Thursday's first round, the Mavericks ran into a perennial powerhouse in Minnesota Duluth.

UNO became the 34th consecutive victim at the Romano Gymnasium in Duluth, as the 27-1 Bulldogs swept the Mavs to advance to the Regional Championship match against Concordia-St. Paul.

The Bulldogs went on to lose to Concordia-St. Paul in the 64-team tournament's third round.

Their ultimate goal of a national championship may not have been realized, but UNO volleyball completed an exciting and overall successful season in 2007 under the direction and teaching of veteran Head Coach Rose Shires.

UNO was fading into the fog of mediocrity midway through this season, sitting at 9-8 on Oct. 6. They went on to rattle off eight consecutive victories, including five sweeps, and earned their fourth straight postseason berth. The Mavericks finished second behind Division I-caliber Duluth in the North Central Conference during the conference's final season.

As seniors playing in their final collegiate

season, middle blocker Carlie Christensen, setter Katie Agnew and right side hitter Nicole McLeod played integral roles in the team's success this season.

Christensen led the Mavericks with 353 kills and 136 blocks, earning her all-NCC honors for a third consecutive season. Agnew accounted for over 80 percent of the team's assists this season, giving her team nearly 12 per game. McLeod played excellent from the right side, contributing two digs and 2.5 kills per game while starting 23 of 26 matches this season.

Shires and her staff will now go back to work to try and build a championship contender again in 2008 through recruiting and player development. With the NCC no longer a member of the NCAA, the Mavericks will compete in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association in 2008.

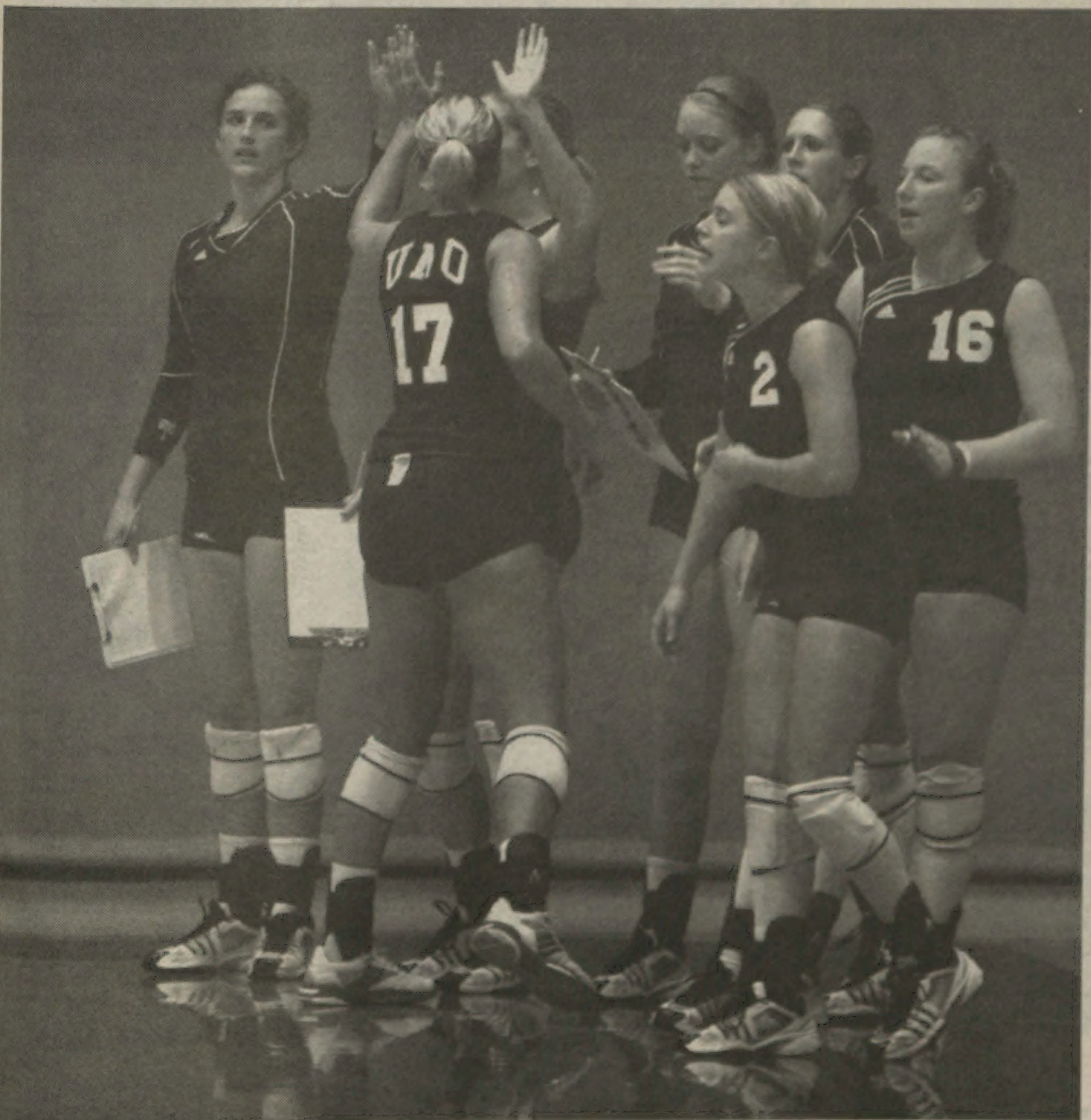


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The Mavs finished the season at 17-9 after being swept by Minnesota Duluth.

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Maverick men improve to 4-0, break single-game school record

KEVIN CLEMENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

For the first time in three years, the Mavericks are 4-0. This weekend UNO tallied impressive wins over Colorado State-Pueblo, 82-62, and Montana State-Billings, 113-56, at the Thanksgiving Classic in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

Friday night's game was dominated by the Mavs out of the gate, starting with senior forward Jerry Bennett. Bennett controlled the paint on Friday night, nearly achieving a double-double by half time.

After being sidelined at the beginning of the season due to injuries, Bennett finished the first game of his senior season with his first double-double as a Maverick. Bennett ended the game with 14 points and 12 rebounds as the visiting Thunderwolves had no answer for the senior.

"I was so anxious to be out there this game," Bennett said. "My role is to grab rebounds and be a big presence in the post."

Michael Jenkins, who has been utterly unstoppable during the beginning of this season, had 12 points in the game. Jenkins, who is now playing the wing position for the Mavericks, appears to have the ability to get to the basket anytime he wants.

"[It] feels really good, it's my natural position some people say," Jenkins said. "I'm skinny but I like the contact."

This has certainly been proven true early this season as Jenkins is shooting an average of eight free throws per game.

Andrew Bridger scored 15 in the game, while his teammates Mitch Albers and Justin Peterson each scored 11. UNO dominated the game for the most part as their 20-point lead never seemed within reach for the Thunderwolves. Ty Mctyler led CSUP with 13 points in the game.

In Saturday night's match-up, UNO broke a school record, hitting an unbelievable 17 three-

pointers as the Mavs blew out Montana State-Billings 113-56. The mark was two better than the Zac Robinson-driven record that was set last season. The Mavs shot 47 percent from behind the three-point arc for the game. By the end of the game, eight members of this team had made at least one three point basket.

UNO also dominated the glass on the night, out-rebounding the Yellowjackets 57-34. Matt Newman and Nate Owen both flirted with a triple-double on Saturday night, recording nine points, 10 rebounds and seven assists each.

True freshman Mitch Albers connected on six of seven from beyond the arc in the game and led the Mavericks in scoring with 26 points.

UNO's tough full-court press consistently forced Montana State to turn the ball over, and the Mavericks got off to an early lead. After seven minutes the score was 20-2, and the Mavericks kept their foot on the gas pedal. At halftime the score was 63-28, and the Mavs continued to press on toward the 57-point blowout.

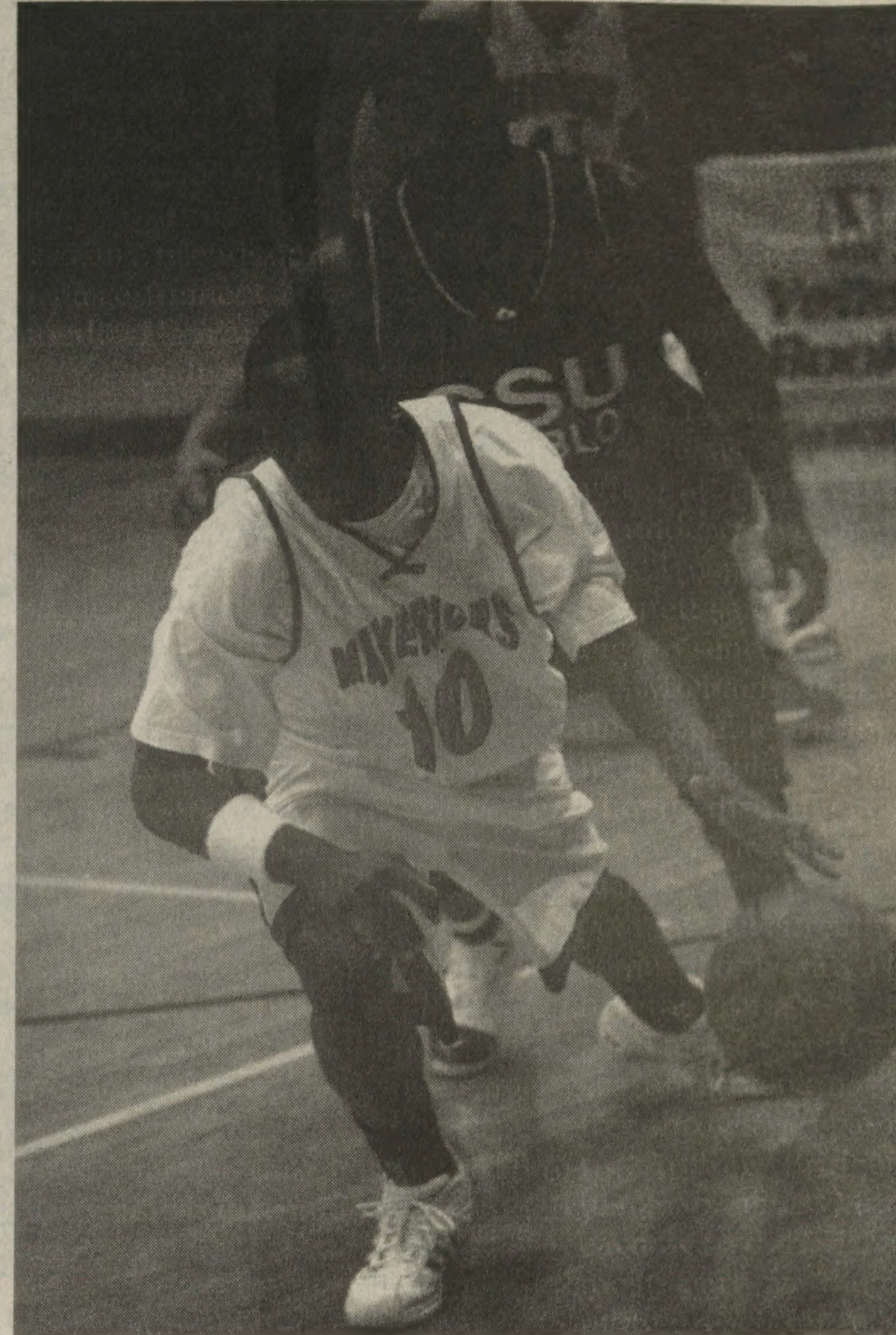
The team's 113 was the third-highest point total in a single game in school history. It was the first time since 2002-03 that UNO has scored more than 100 points.

This new and improved Maverick basketball team has become more and more fun to watch each time they play the game. With the intelligent, fast-paced play of coach Derrin Hansen, the UNO Mavericks have begun to play an exciting pace of basketball.

The new additions have given the team a versatility that has yet to be contained this season. With all five players on the floor contributing to the offense, there is no telling how far this team will go. The Mavericks have been playing team ball not only on offense but also on defense, something that has definitely produced results here in the early going.

The Mavericks will try to continue their

win streak this upcoming weekend, and will have to do it away from home. They will face Missouri Western on Friday at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph, Mo., then Northwest Missouri State on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Maryville, Mo.



Nate Owen drives past a Colorado State-Pueblo defender during Friday's game. The Mavs won 82-62.

photo by Bill Wendt

Women's basketball continues dominance

KEVIN CLEMENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO Mavericks improved to 5-0 this weekend after their contests against Lincoln University and Missouri-St. Louis at the Sapp Fieldhouse. The Mavericks won both contests of the UNO Thanksgiving Classic by playing team ball and spreading around the scoring equally.

Friday night's contest was a steamrolling of Lincoln University, 75-55. The game was highlighted by Alyssa Green's career-high 23 points and nine rebounds. Her 23 points came on an impressive 10 of 14 from the field. She also filled up the stat sheet in other areas, recording three assists, two steals and a block in the game.

This contest ended with three other Mavericks in double figures. Ellen Majewski had 12, Amanda Brodsack had 11 and LaToya Wright ended the game with 10 points. This was quite an impressive team scoring display, as the Mavericks only had two players on the team who did not score in the game. Lincoln's Quenita Washington led the Blue Tigers with 24 points.

The next night the Mavs took the Sapp floor again, and again they shined, defeating Missouri-St. Louis 60-46. The Mavericks once again spread around the scoring throughout their offense as 10 players scored a basket in the game.

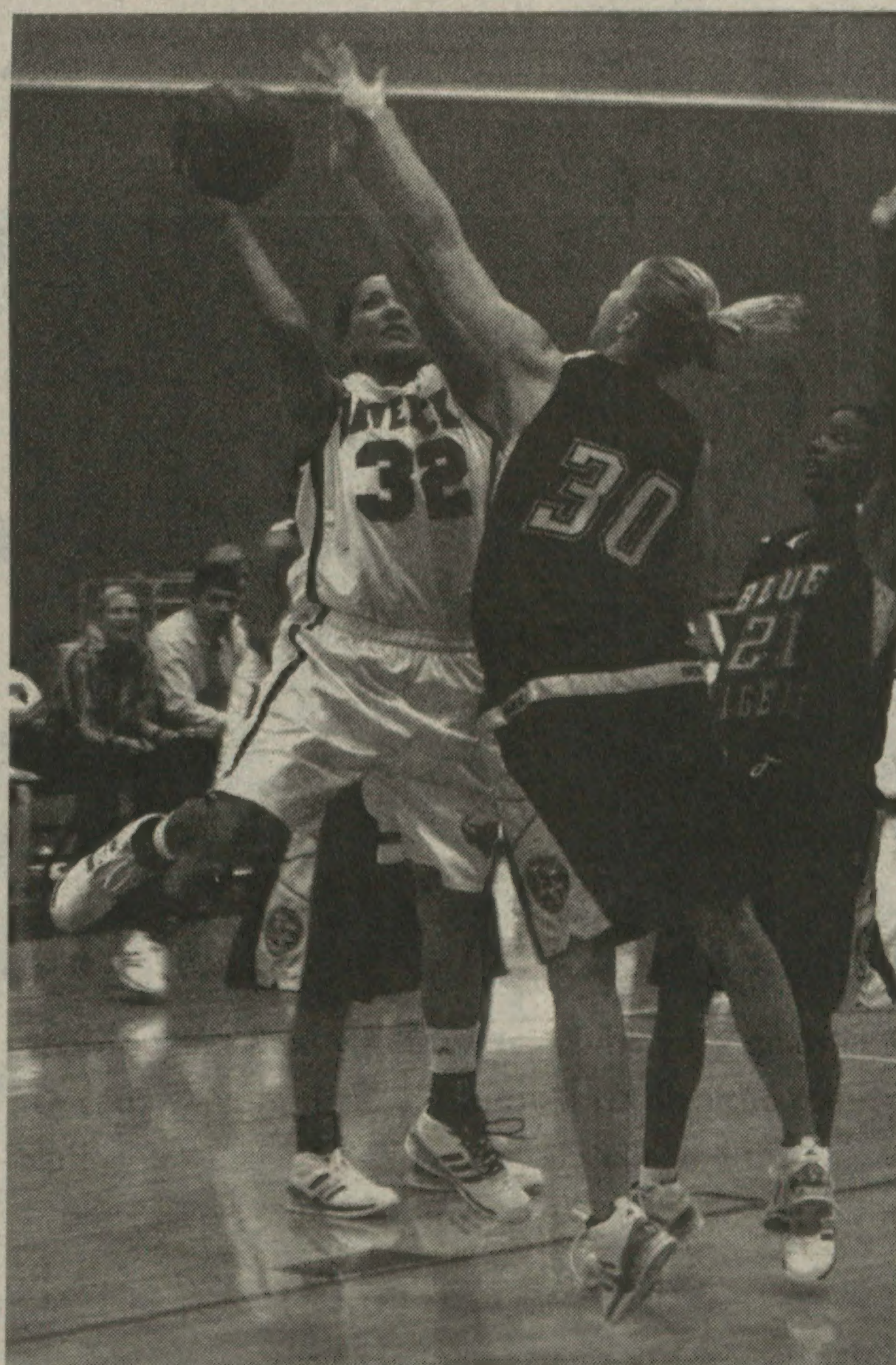
Cayla Hargrove led the offense with 13 points off the bench, followed by Amanda Brodsack who had 11 points in the game. Leslie Ricker led UMSL with 10 points and seven rebounds for the game.

The Mavericks have gotten off to this impressive 5-0 start by playing solid team defense and passing the ball well. With numerous new members on this team it appears that the Mavs have begun to play well and have developed good team chemistry out of the gate.

"We have a lot of potential with numerous new players," said Head Coach Patty Shearer. "We need to develop good team chemistry

and pass the ball well. The [North Central Conference] is one of the toughest in the country and I look forward to competing within the conference this year."

The Mavs will attempt to keep this win streak rolling, as they will be the tournament host again this weekend for the Doubletree Downtown Classic. UNO will face two regional rivals, Central Missouri on Friday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m., and Metro State Saturday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Sapp Fieldhouse.



Cayla Hargrove puts up a shot during the Mavs game against Lincoln University Friday. The Mavs won 75-55.

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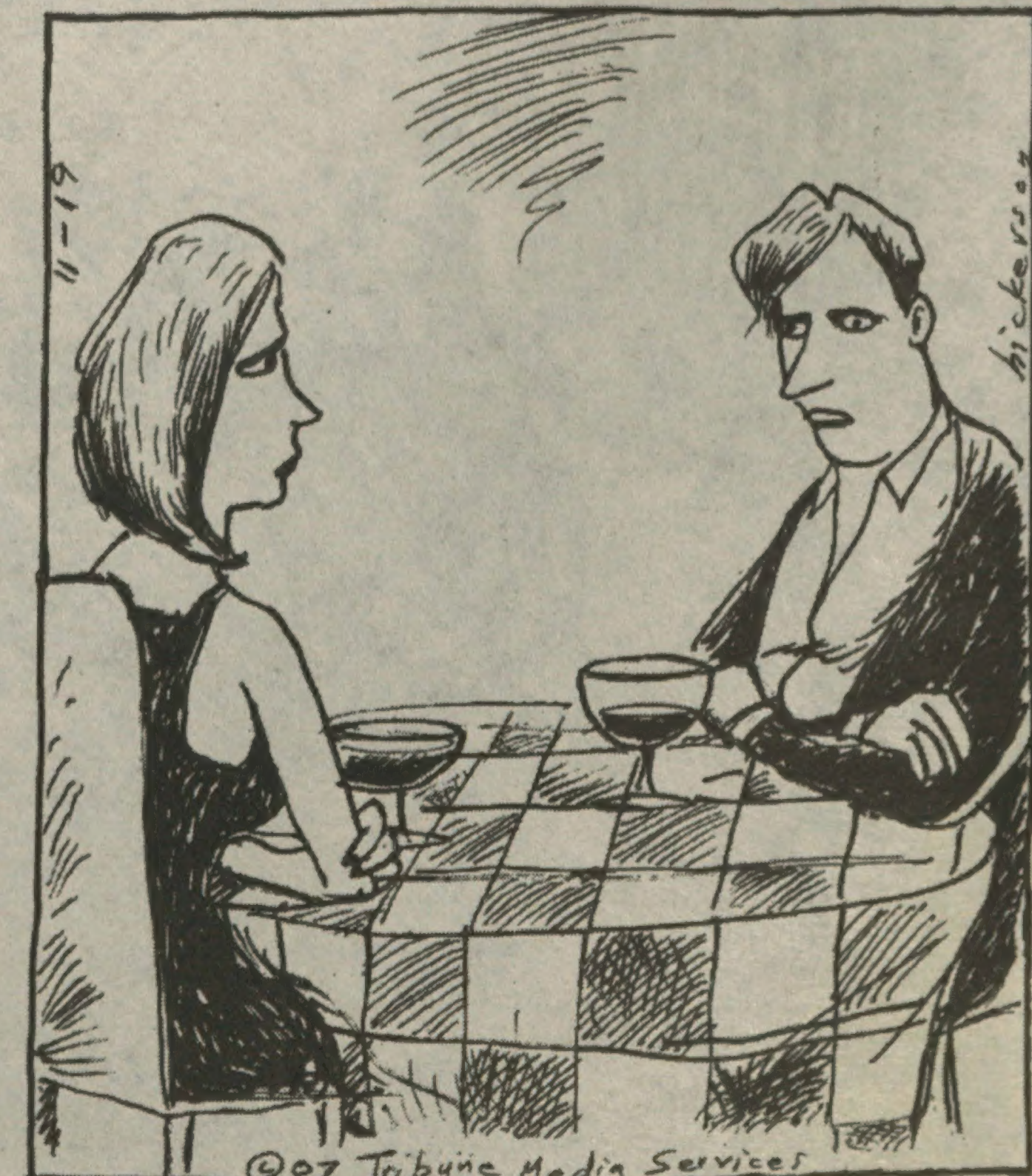
people who don't trust others cooking, but normal people are clean."

Others pointed to a relatively low number of serious issues as reason enough.

"I would understand the health reason, but there's bake sales at all sorts of schools, sporting events. I don't think there should be a ban," said Amanda Lee, a senior pre-optometry major. "I guess they just didn't do their research."

Chuck Williams, a senior journalism major, said while he had not heard of the ban, good enough for the university is good enough for him.

"When they make moves regarding food safety, it's important that they keep the students' safety in mind. I feel like if they feel it's safe, there's not a problem. I'm comfortable enough to eat brownies," said Williams.



"I'm sorry I don't have any dialogue tonight, Lisa. Curse this writers strike!"

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An ode to a great football season UNO should learn from Lincoln's recent text messaging struggles

For the people who made it happen

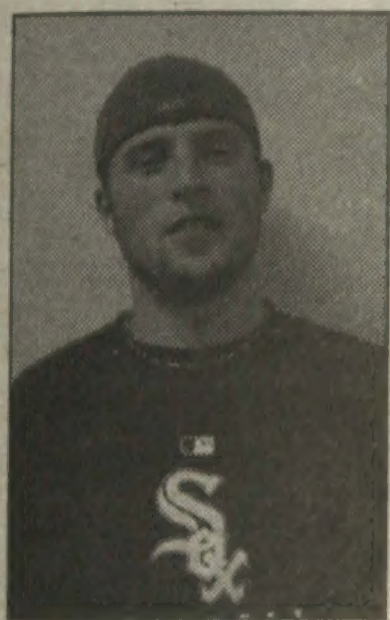
As Central Washington's offense set fire to the game's remaining seconds, I watched from the press box in disbelief. I could hear agonizing shrieks from two floors below coming from players that had just witnessed their hopes and dreams collapse and crumble on their home turf.

The fans that didn't already leave with the assumption that the game was in hand just stared up at the scoreboard with their jaws open and their hearts empty.

A media member from Central Washington announced the name of the defensive back that made the final two interceptions to seal the 20-17 win, and for a second I thought about tripping him as he walked by.

In the most somber of post-game press conferences, I couldn't muster a question. Reporters and writers around the room shouted inquiries about what had just happened to the players and coaches that it had just happened to, and to me it felt like we were just pouring salt in the wound.

From the Bench



Jason Sibson

For nearly three months this team took fans, and local sportswriters, on a thrill-ride unlike any this campus has seen in this program's history. Undefeated for the first time since 1954, nationally ranked in the top three in every Division II poll for much of the season, and outright winner of the North Central Conference's final championship.

The two leaders of this football team, quarterback Zach Miller and Head Coach Pat Behrns, took all the blame. Behrns took full responsibility for three straight home playoff losses; Miller for his three

interceptions in Saturday's game.

In the midst of all of this, I wanted to stop the press conference and thank not only these two, but everyone else who contributed to this spectacular season. I wanted to thank them for the undefeated run and the excitement that came with that. I wanted to thank them for putting forth their best effort week in and week out.

I wanted to thank them for showing up, minutes after watching their national championship hopes get dashed in the most painful of ways, to respond to generic questions so that writers can capture their beleaguered responses and use their quotes for the story of the week.

Well, if it's not too late, thank you. Thanks to Pat Behrns for pausing his game film and welcoming me into his office on Sundays. Thanks to Zach Miller, Jake Krause and all of the other athletes on this team that made themselves accessible for pre-game and post-game chatter. Thanks for making my first semester as the *Gateway's* sports editor better than I could've ever imagined.

The loss was devastating, but there will be only one team that won't suffer a similar fate to end this season. UNO football fans were treated to a season of great football, and we have a lot to look forward to, with a plethora of returning stars and a new conference in 2008.

This season will ultimately go down as a success in my eyes, and I'm looking forward to another great one next year. Go Mavs.

In the wake of tragedies like the Virginia Tech massacre last April, universities across the nation have taken steps to increase security and prepare for the possibility of an eventual incident on campus. The campuses of the University of Nebraska system, naturally, are no exception, with both UNL and UNO implementing new policies and exploring new technologies to help improve our safety as members of the university community.

Both campuses have recently launched Web sites – emergency.unomaha.edu and emergency.unl.edu – that provide instructions about what to do in emergency situations. Both campuses have implemented text message alert systems. Both campuses seem to be taking the task of implementing new security measures quite seriously.

However, in the past couple weeks there have been some disturbing headlines in UNL's student newspaper *The Daily Nebraskan*. On Nov. 14, the DN published a story with the headline "UNL Alert suffered a few troubles with gas leak warning" – a bit of understatement on the part of the newspaper, if you actually read the story.

According to the DN, there was a gas leak near the Bob Devaney Sports Center about midday on Nov. 12, which prompted the first-ever activation of UNL's text-message alert system.

Well, for some Lincoln students anyway. Turns out that many students enrolled in the program didn't receive any message at all. In an editorial on Nov. 19, the DN placed the number of students who didn't receive a message at a minimum of 25 percent.

The reason for the missing messages was an oversight by an employee of Wide Area Rapid Notification Inc., the company that runs UNL Alert.

The DN described the failure in its editorial: "The server responsible for sending out the text messages processes a list of all the cell phone numbers ... which can take quite some time. One of the configuration settings is the total time the server can spend sending texts before it stops; at the end of this allotted time, transmission ends, regardless of whether the server has processed the entire list of phone numbers. Last week, the server didn't get all of its messages sent in the allotted time, so some people didn't get the message."

Overall, between the error on the part of the contractor and the decision to wait nearly 90 minutes before sending the alert in the first place, UNL really dropped the ball with this incident. Unfortunately, unlike decisions like renewing former Husker's Coach Bill Callahan's contract in September, which can be made right again once the error is realized, making mistakes when it comes to alerting campus community members of a threat can mean the difference between life and death.

I remember being on UNL's campus last April, a few days after the Virginia Tech shootings, when someone called in a bomb threat to the College of Engineering. Although the bomb threat was not real, students – including many high school students participating in engineering recruitment events in Othmer Hall – were evacuated from the building after the secretary who received the threat pulled a fire alarm on the recommendation of UNL Police.

In that situation, having a text-message alert system in place would have helped get the word out about the threat, possibly helping to evacuate buildings connected to Othmer Hall much faster than they were otherwise cleared, especially on an otherwise relaxed Friday afternoon.

UNL needs to make sure that its emergency plan is not only in place, but also that it will work once implemented. UNO, too, would do well to test our system and make sure that more students get signed up for alerts.

When it comes to security, after all, making sure everyone is connected and informed is the best defense in the uncertain world that we live in. If students cannot be sure whether we're in the loop or not, though, it diminishes our ability to feel safe on campus.

UNO certainly should look to what's been happening in Lincoln and make sure we do not repeat their failures. If all the campuses of the NU system learn from Lincoln's mistake, perhaps we can all benefit from this one mistake.

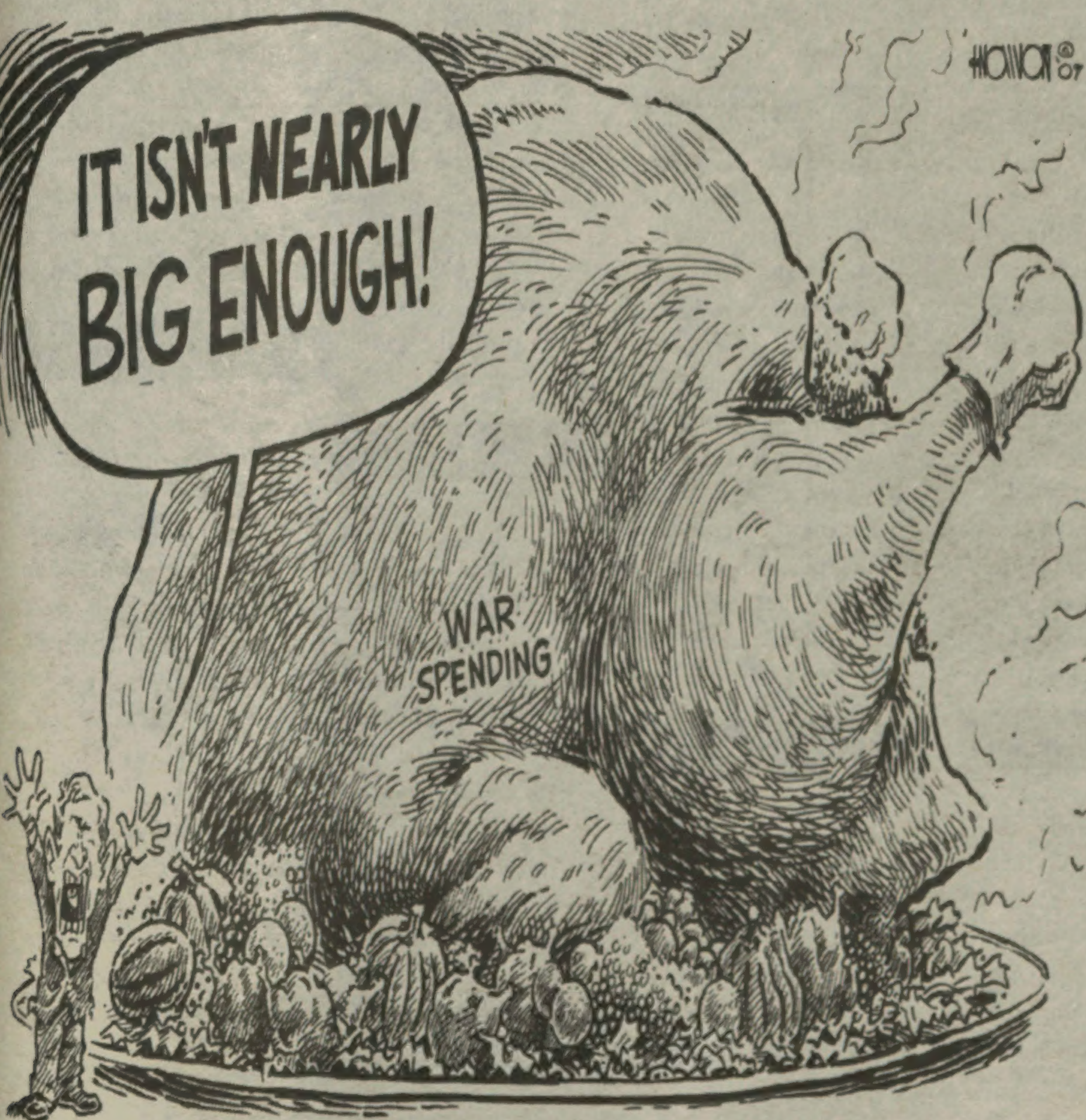
Otherwise, we might regretfully watch history repeat itself.

If that happens, we can only hope it will be during a traffic inconvenience, or a parking problem, not something truly more dangerous.


Sinister Slant





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University of Chicago community stunned by shooting death of graduate student

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CHICAGO (MCT)—For the few hundred congregated at the vigil on the University of Chicago's quad on Nov. 20, there was a mixture of fear, grief and numbness.

The shooting death of Amadou Cisse, a Senegalese doctoral student full of promise, has also raised questions about the school's emergency alert system and broader concerns about safety in the Hyde Park community.

On Tuesday, university officials said they would review whether they waited too long — nine hours — to alert students to the murder of Cisse, 29, as he walked to his off-campus home at about 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 19. In the hour before, two other attacks against university students and a staffer occurred within blocks of the slaying.

While school officials knew about

the fatal shooting by about 2:30 a.m., they decided not to tell students until they had more facts, university spokeswoman Julie Peterson said. It was the first test of their text-messaging emergency alert system, she said.

"At that time, I don't think anybody was discussing or considering sending an immediate alert to the campus community in the middle of the night," she said. "In retrospect, it's a fair question about whether we wanted to do that."

Chicago police put out an alert for a car that may have been involved in the two other incidents — an attempted shooting of a university staff member and the robbery of two female students by five men. Police described the four-door car as light silver or white, with one red door on the driver's side.

On Nov. 20, students made their way through the foggy campus to class, the routine a way of preserving their sense of

security.

"People are cautious talking about it," said Joseph Apodaca, 25, a fifth-year undergraduate student. "They don't want to know details. It's scary to think about it too much that it happened to a student."

Others resigned themselves to the dangers of an urban environment and questioned how much the measures taken by the university can safeguard them.

"The incident makes me have second thoughts about studying in this country," Keremcan Alp, 22, an international student from Turkey. "Adding more buses and more free rides won't make us more safe."

Some talked about the complexities of studying at a school where gentrification and school expansions can leave students confronted with unfamiliar surroundings.

As she handed out fliers for a rally to mourn Cisse's murder, Angela Sears, 45, a community activist who works at the Woodlawn Early Childhood Development Center, spoke of the tension in the community as the university extended south.

Olusola Akintunde, 30, a consultant with the university, said a social disconnect exists between the students and the residents that live in the neighborhoods surrounding the university. Much of it has to do with gentrification.

"Students have to understand the area they're in," he said. "People aren't moved [by this construction], they're displaced. They must be more careful in the outskirts."

But school officials insist the area is safe and cite that Cisse is the first student killed on or near campus in 30 years.

Cisse, a PhD student in chemistry, was walking home from a social gathering at the International House on campus when he was gunned down near his apartment building. Friends saw him leave at about 12:30 a.m. He did not request a ride with the university's van system or a police escort, school officials said.

The University of Chicago is among the many universities across the country that added text-messaging alert systems after the shooting massacre at Virginia Tech University earlier this year left 33 dead.

With about 5,300 people, including parents, signed up for the voluntary system, the university hopes to expand that enrollment. There are 28,000 University of Chicago students, faculty and staff.

St. John's University in New York used its voluntary text-messaging system in September when a freshman carrying a rifle was spotted at about 2:30 p.m. The student was arrested eight minutes later, and a message was immediately sent to alert people about the gunman.

At the time of the incident, about 2,100 people were signed up for the alert system. Now, more than 13,400 are registered.

After Monday's attacks, University of Chicago officials decided to increase by half the number of police car patrols between 4 p.m. and midnight and double the police patrols after midnight on and around campus. They also increased bike patrols, added two vans to the SafeRide program, a late-night van service for students or employees and are discussing adding more security cameras. They are also establishing a temporary police substation on the south end of campus while a new police station is being built.

Perhaps heeding officials' warnings, 30 SafeRides were requested Monday night, double the average, school officials said.

Chicago Tribune reporters Angela Rozas and Mary Schmich contributed to this report.



University of Chicago News Office

Chicago police released this photo on Nov. 20 of a car that may have been involved in the shooting of Amadou Cisse. The photo was captured by a security camera at the University of Chicago Medical Center. The university is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the crime.

Text Message Alerts

UNO recently added its own emergency text messaging system through e2campus.com. Students, faculty and staff can sign up for the service at emergency.unomaha.edu, a Web site that also has copies of various campus emergency plans.

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